

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace paragraph 3 at page 4 continuing onto page 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

In an aspect of the present invention, the above objects and other objects of the invention are achieved by providing an information display/input device comprising: a display means for displaying image information and/or character information; a pressure detection means arranged on the surface of the display means to detect the pressure applied to and the spot of pressure application on the display means; and a display/input control means for reflecting the signal detected by the pressure detection means to the selection of the image information being displayed on and/or the input of characters to the display means; the display/input control means being adapted to assign virtual input keys to be used to input characters to part of the pressure detection means for key arrangement and display only markers indicating reference positions of the virtual input keys on the display means.

**Please replace paragraph 1 at page 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The display/input control means operates in a manner as described below. The display/input control means is adapted to alter the positions to which the virtual input keys are assigned according to the positions where the markers are being displayed. When pressure is not detected by the pressure detection means for a predetermined period of time, the display/input control means makes the virtual input keys translucent and visibly displays them. When pressure is detected continuously for a predetermined period of time on any of the virtual input keys, the display/input control means makes the virtual input keys invisible except the markers. The display/input control means is adapted to assign the virtual input keys to the pressure detection means with dimensions corresponding to the gap separating the markers and alter the key size of

the virtual input keys to make it similar to the marker intervals. ~~When pressure is detected at a position displaced from the virtual input keys assigned to the pressure detection means for a predetermined number of times, the display/input control means alters the key intervals to make the virtual input keys accommodate the positional displacement.~~

**Please replace paragraph 1 at page 6 continuing onto page 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The information display/input method is adapted to perform control operations in a manner as described below. The positions to which the virtual input keys are assigned are altered according to the positions where the markers are being displayed. When pressure is not detected by the pressure detection means for a predetermined period of time, the virtual input keys are made translucent and visibly displayed. When pressure is detected continuously for a predetermined period of time on any of the virtual input keys, the virtual input keys are made invisible except the markers. The virtual input keys are assigned to the pressure detection means with dimensions corresponding to the gap separating the markers and the key size of the virtual input keys are altered to make it similar to the marker intervals. ~~When pressure is detected at a position displaced from the virtual input keys assigned to the pressure detection means for a predetermined number of times, the key intervals are altered to make the virtual input keys accommodate the positional displacement.~~